

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [02]-[04] with the following amended paragraphs:

[02] In these days, various types of disposable diapers have been ~~developed~~ improved very well.

[03] One of ~~the representative~~ examples of disposable diapers is disclosed in Japanese Patent Publication No. 94-93901. This ~~patented invention directs to provide~~ publication pertains to an absorbent article having a dual barrier system ~~against the~~ avoid side leakage ~~[[by]]~~ with a standing cuff and a gasketing cuff.

[04] However, according to the inventors' study, ~~[[the]]~~ a barrier effect to avoid the side leakage is limited despite the dual barrier system, and ~~by utilizing a structurally considered standing cuff, it is found that~~ much higher barrier effect ~~[[,]]~~ can be obtained by utilizing a structurally considered standing cuff without the gasketing cuff.

Please replace paragraph [145] with the following amended paragraph:

[145] As shown in Figs. 13 and 15 ~~Fig. 13~~, in the front and back ends of the standing cuff B in its longitudinal direction the portion corresponding to the above-said standing portion B11 (the extension of the standing portion B1) is fixed to the diaper body ~~(see Fig. 15)~~, concretely to the external surface of the liquid pervious sheet 1, by laying the portion B11 toward the longitudinal centerline of the diaper, while the portion corresponding to the above-said surface-contacting portion B22 (the extension of the surface-contacting portion B2) being folded back and inverted is fixed to the portion corresponding to the standing portion B11 (see Fig. 15).